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House Intelligence Committee Holds Mark Up of Resolution

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Mich., Chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, issued the following statement after the committee adversely reported H.Res.418:

"Consistent with the precedents of the House, the Intelligence Committee adversely reported this resolution to avoid hindering the ongoing investigation by the Justice Department's Special Counsel. Before our consideration, the Assistant Attorney General informed the committee this resolution would interfere with the Counsel's investigation.

"The committee supports the work of the Special Counsel and expects a fair, impartial investigation of this matter. Today's vote is a reflection of this view."

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Editor's Note: A copy of the letter from the U.S. Department of Justice is attached.